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# Algorithms and Data Structures 2

## CS 1501



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# Announcements

- Upcoming Deadlines
  - Homework 2: this Friday at 11:59 pm
  - Lab 1: Tuesday 1/31 at 11:59 pm
- Assignment 1 has been posted
  - Due on 2/17 at 11:59 pm on GradeScope
  - TAs will talk about the assignment in this week's recitations
  - Video explanation will come out soon

# Previous lecture

- Backtracking solution of the Boggle game
- Backtracking framework

# Today ...

- How to make the non-recursive work constant
  - Backtracking solution of Boggle
  - Searching Problem
  - Tree ADT

# Non-recursive Work

```
void solve(row and column of current cell, word string so far) {  
    for each of the eight directions {  
        if neighbor down the direction is a in the board and hasn't been used {  
            append neighbor's letter to word string and mark neighbor used  
            if word string a word with 3+ letters  
                add word string to set of solutions  
            if word string is a prefix  
                solve(row and column of neighbor, word string)  
                delete last letter of word string and mark neighbor as unused  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# How to make the non-recursive work constant?

- How can we make the dictionary lookup (for prefixes and full words)  $O(1)$ ?
  - Hash table? runtime?
  - Later in the course, we will see an efficient way to perform this task using a tree
- How about the time to append and delete letters from the word string?

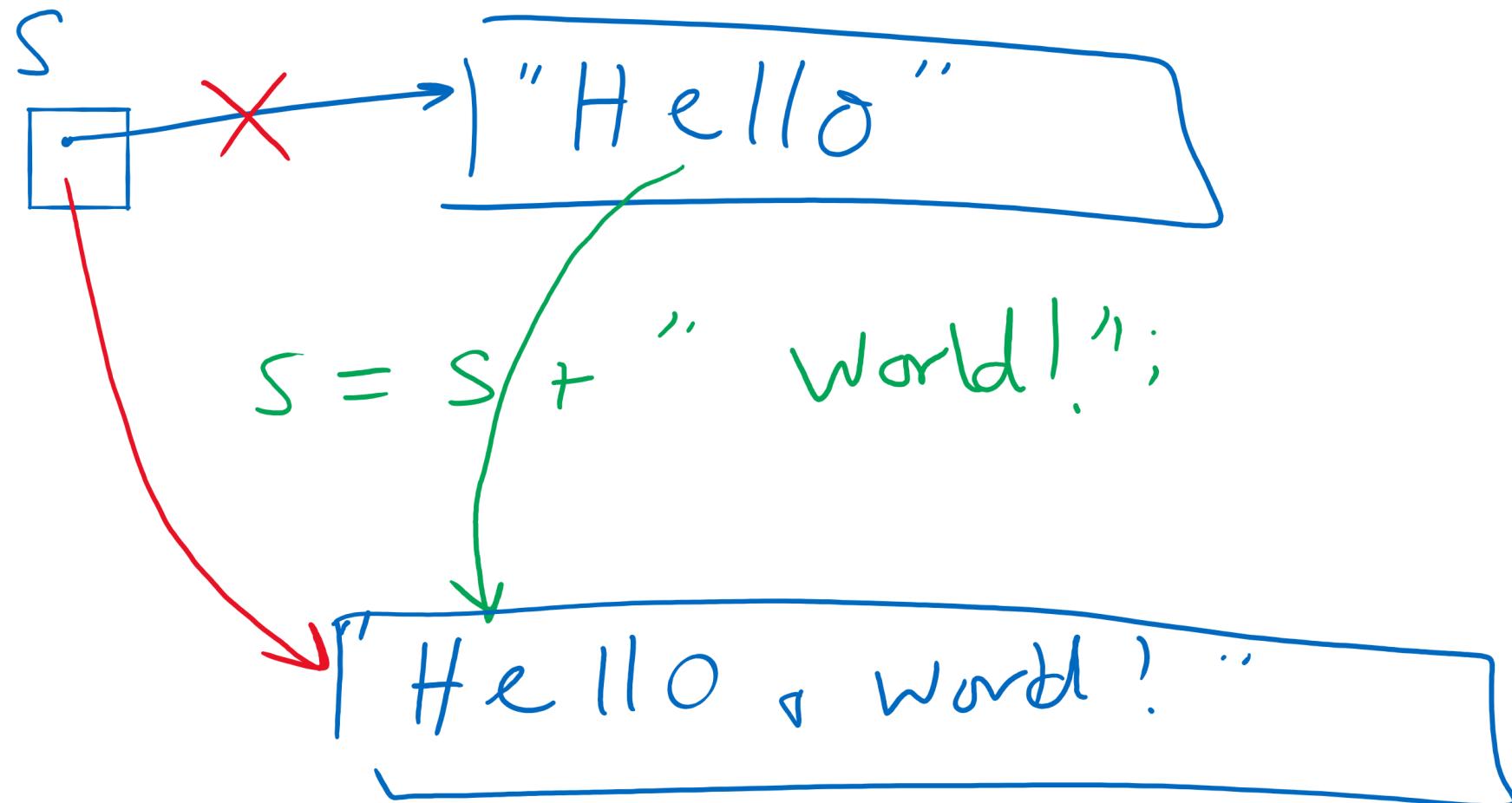
# How to make the non-recursive work constant?

- Constructing the words over the course of recursion will mean building up and tearing down strings
  - Moving down the tree adds a new character to the current word string
  - Backtracking removes the most recent character
  - Basically pushing/popping to/from a string stack
- Push/Pop stack operations are generally  $\Theta(1)$ 
  - Unless you need to resize, but that cost can be **amortized**

# How to make the non-recursive work constant?

- What if we use String to hold the current word string?
- Java Strings are *immutable*
  - `s = new String("Here is a basic string");`
  - `s = s + " this operation allocates and initializes all over again";`
  - Becomes essentially a  $\Theta(n)$  operation
    - Where n is the `length()` of the string

# Concatenating to String Objects



# StringBuilder to the rescue

- For StringBuilder objects
  - `append()` and `deleteCharAt()` can be used to push and pop
  - Back to  $\Theta(1)$ !
    - Still need to account for resizing, though...
- StringBuffer can also be used for this purpose
- Differences?

# Searching Problem

- Input:
  - a (large) dynamic set of data items in the form of
    - (key, value) pairs
  - a target *key* to search for
  - The input size ( $n$ ) is the number of pairs
    - Key size is assumed to be constant
    - Was that case for Boggle?
- Output:
  - if *key* exists in the set: return the corresponding value
  - otherwise, return key *not found*
- What does dynamic mean?
- How would you implement “key not found”?

# Let's create an Abstract Data Type!

- The Symbol Table ADT
  - A set of (key, value) pairs
  - Name dates to earlier use in Compilers
- Operations of the ST ADT
  - insert
  - search
  - delete

# Symbol Table Implementations

Implementation	Runtime for Insert	Runtime for search	Runtime for delete
Unsorted Array			
Sorted Array			
Unsorted Linked List			
Sorted Linked List			
Hash Table			

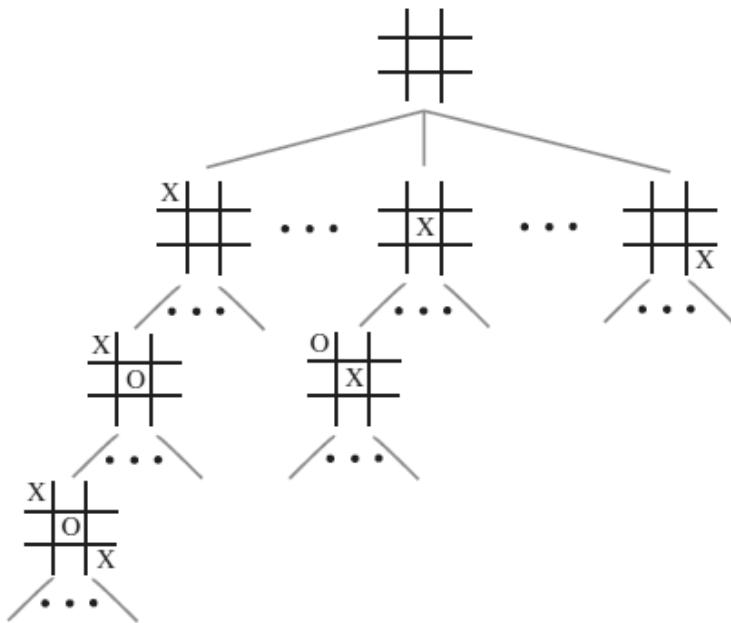
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Sorted Array	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$
Unsorted Linked List	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Sorted Linked List	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Hash Table	$O(1)$ avg.	$O(1)$ avg.	$O(1)$ avg.

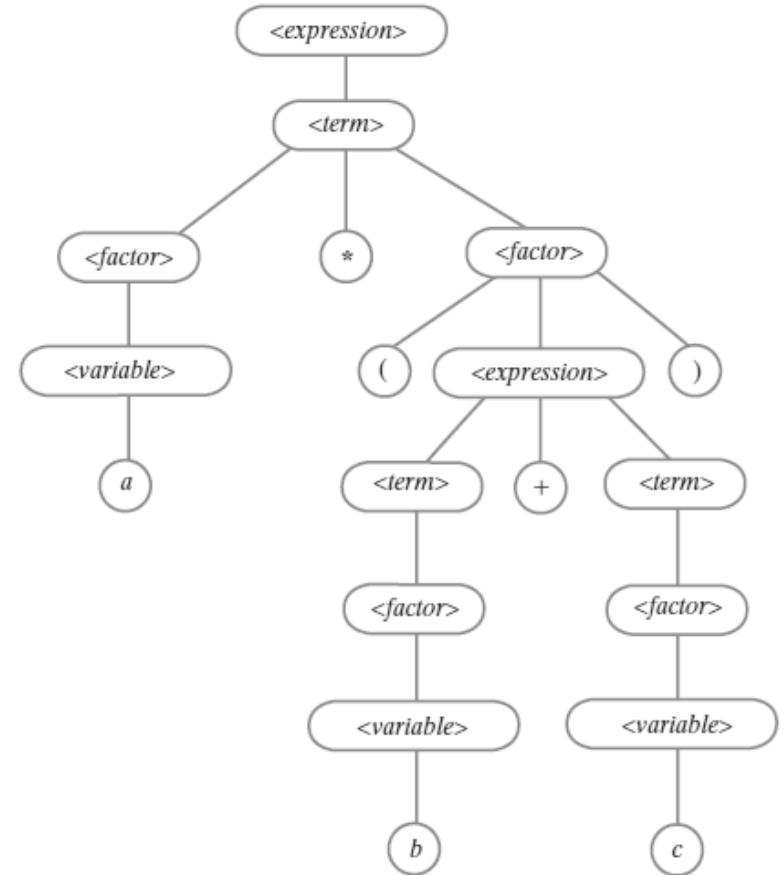
# Symbol Table Implementations

- Arrays and Linked Lists are linear structures
- What if we use a non-linear data structure?
  - a Tree?

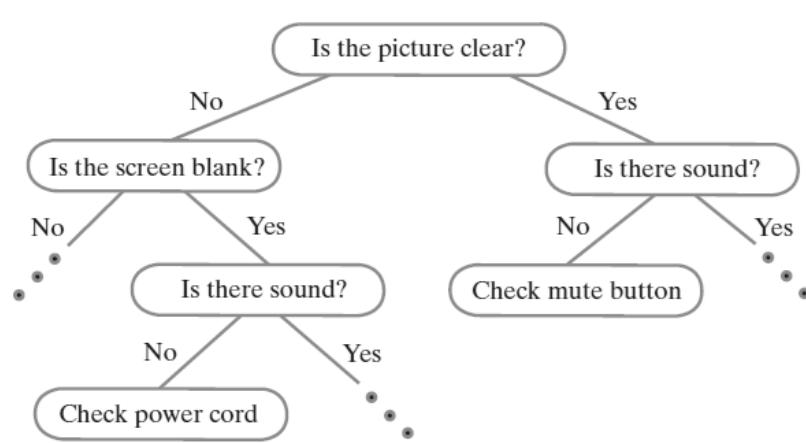
# Examples of Trees



Game Tree

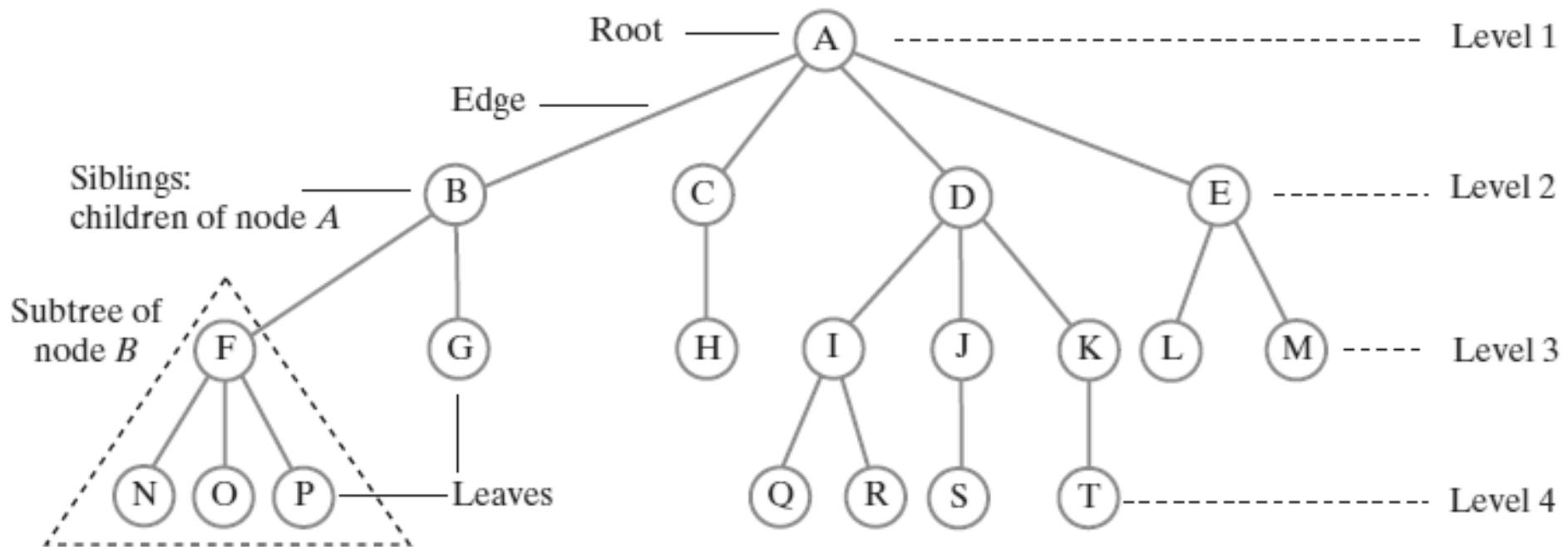


Parse Tree



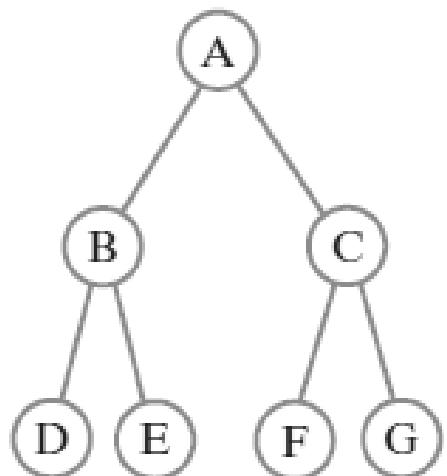
Decision Tree

# Tree Terminology



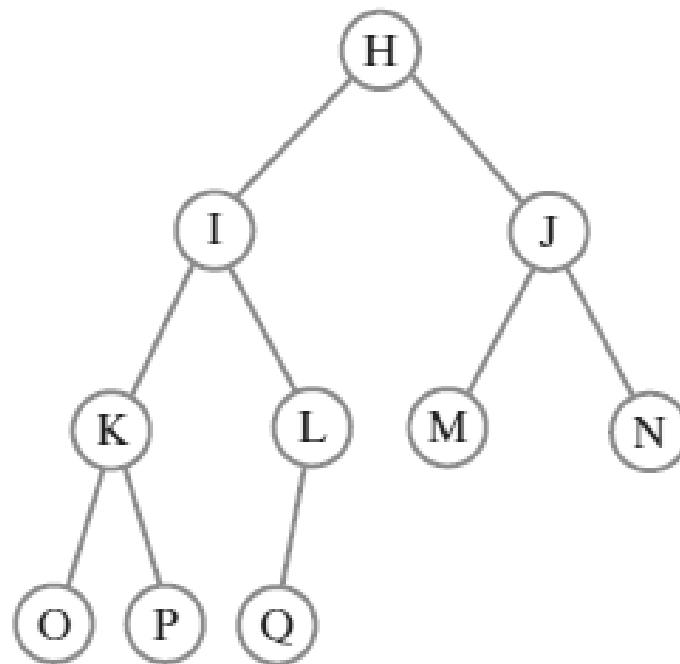
# Binary Trees

(a) Full tree

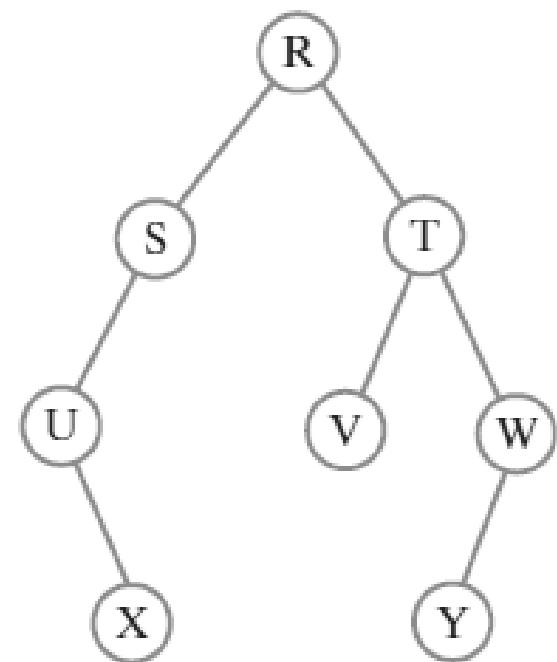


Left children: B, D, F  
Right children: C, E, G

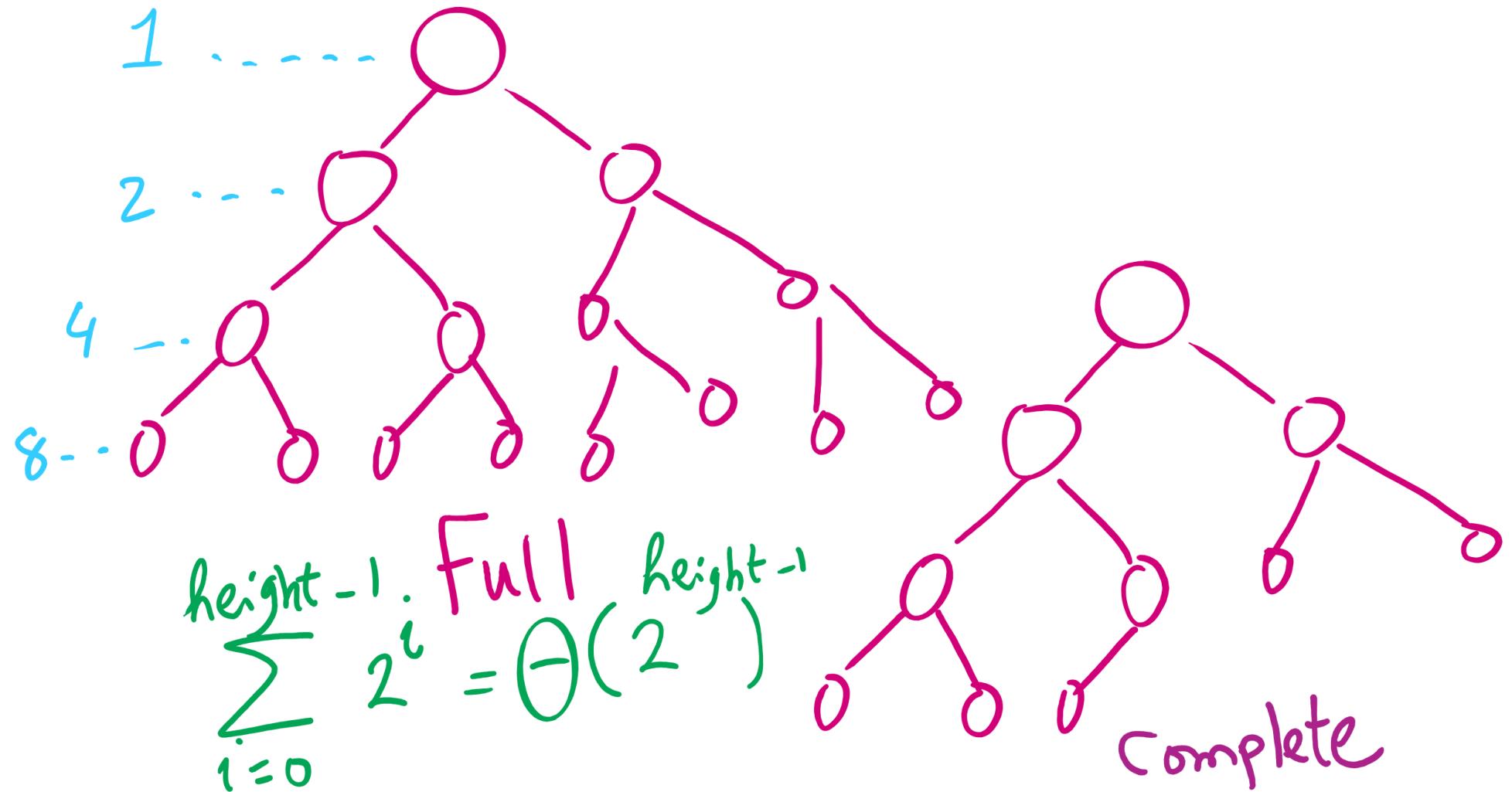
(b) Complete tree



(c) Tree that is not full and not complete



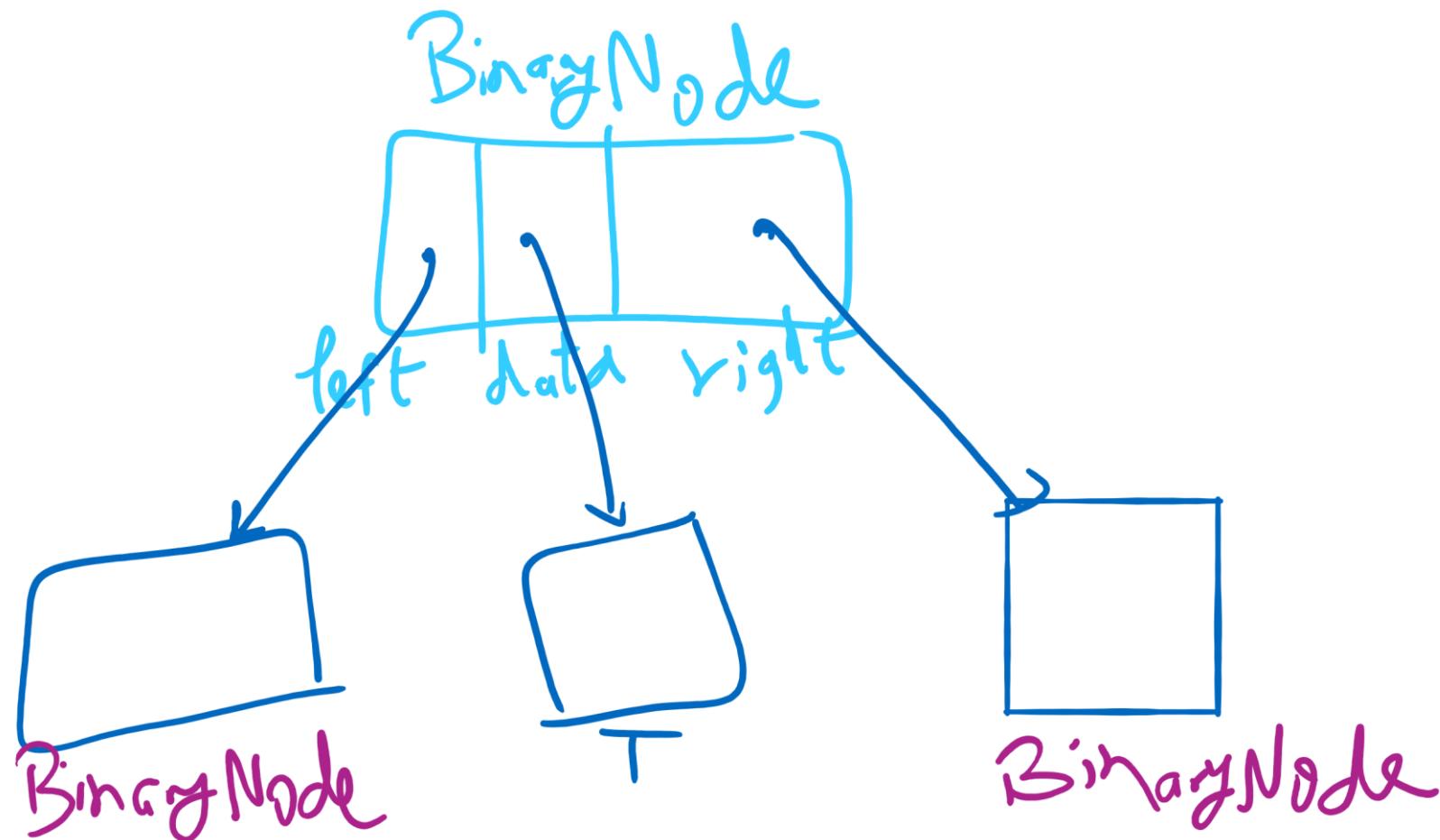
# Full vs. Complete Tree



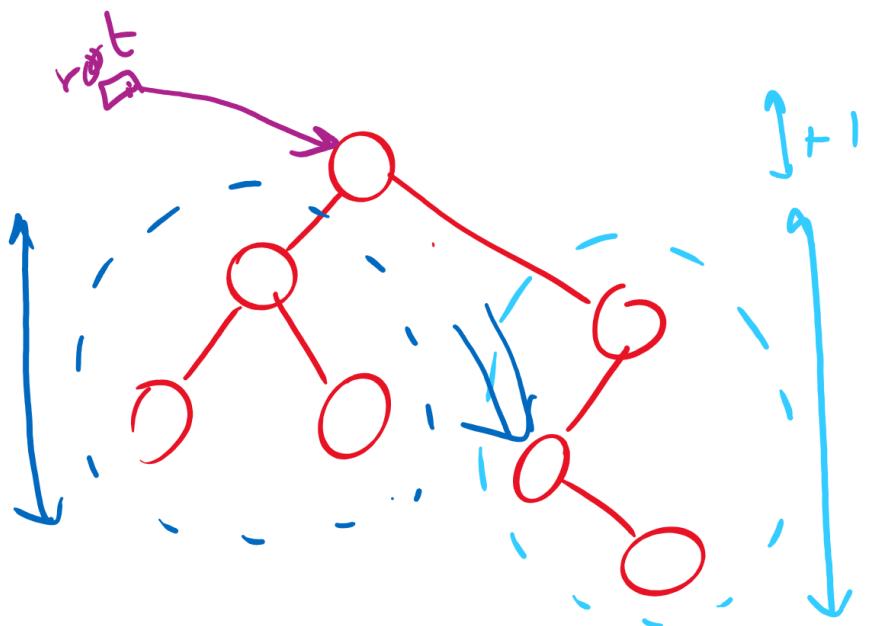
# Tree Implementation: Code Walkthrough

- Available online at:
  - <https://cs1501-2231.github.io/slides-handouts/CodeHandouts/TreeADT/Slides>
  - The slides are under the CodeHandouts/TreeADT/slides folder in the handout repository
  - <https://github.com/cs1501-2234/slides-handouts>

# BinaryNode

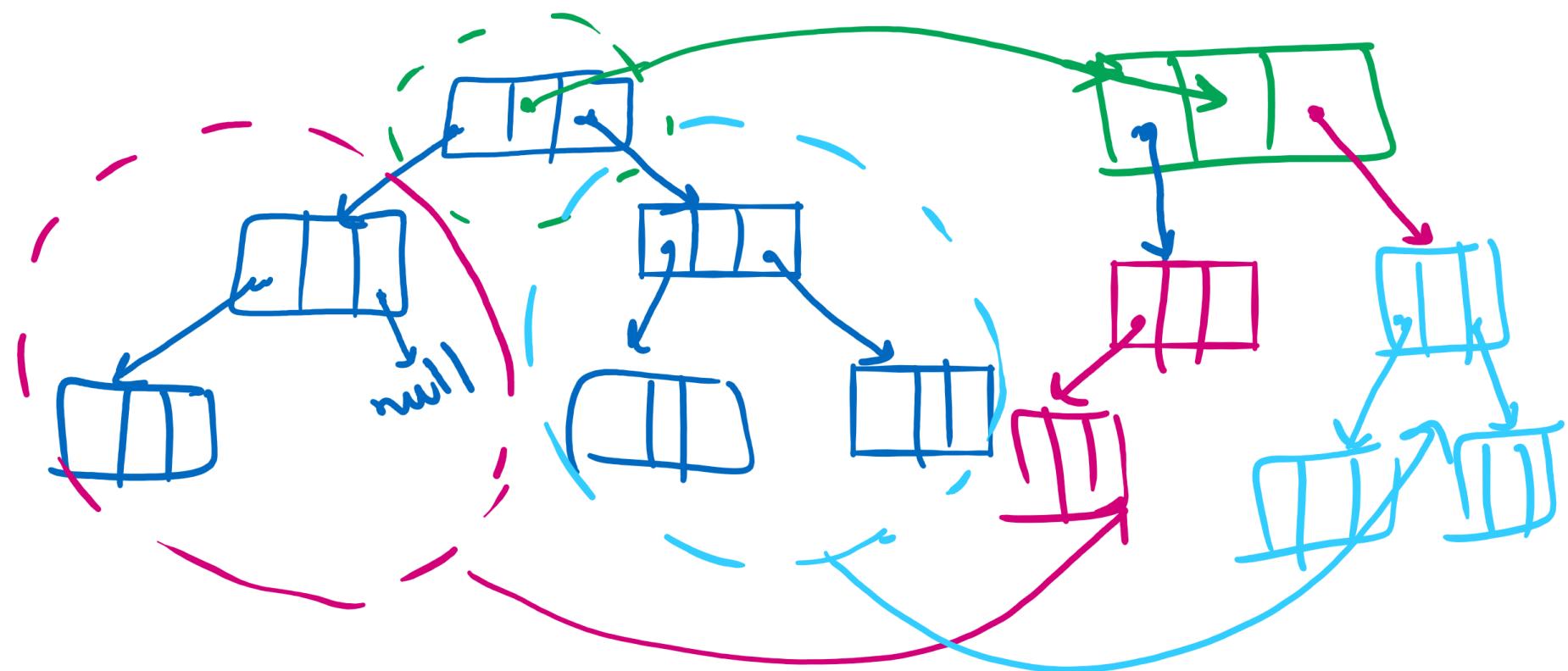


# Another implementation of getHeignt



```
int getHeight( BinaryNode<T> root ) {  
    int lHeight = 0;  
    int rHeight = 0;  
    if( root.left != null )  
        lHeight = getHeight( root.left );  
    if( root.right != null )  
        rHeight = getHeight( root.right );  
    return Math.max( lHeight, rHeight ) + 1;  
}
```

# BinaryNode.copy



# buildTree method

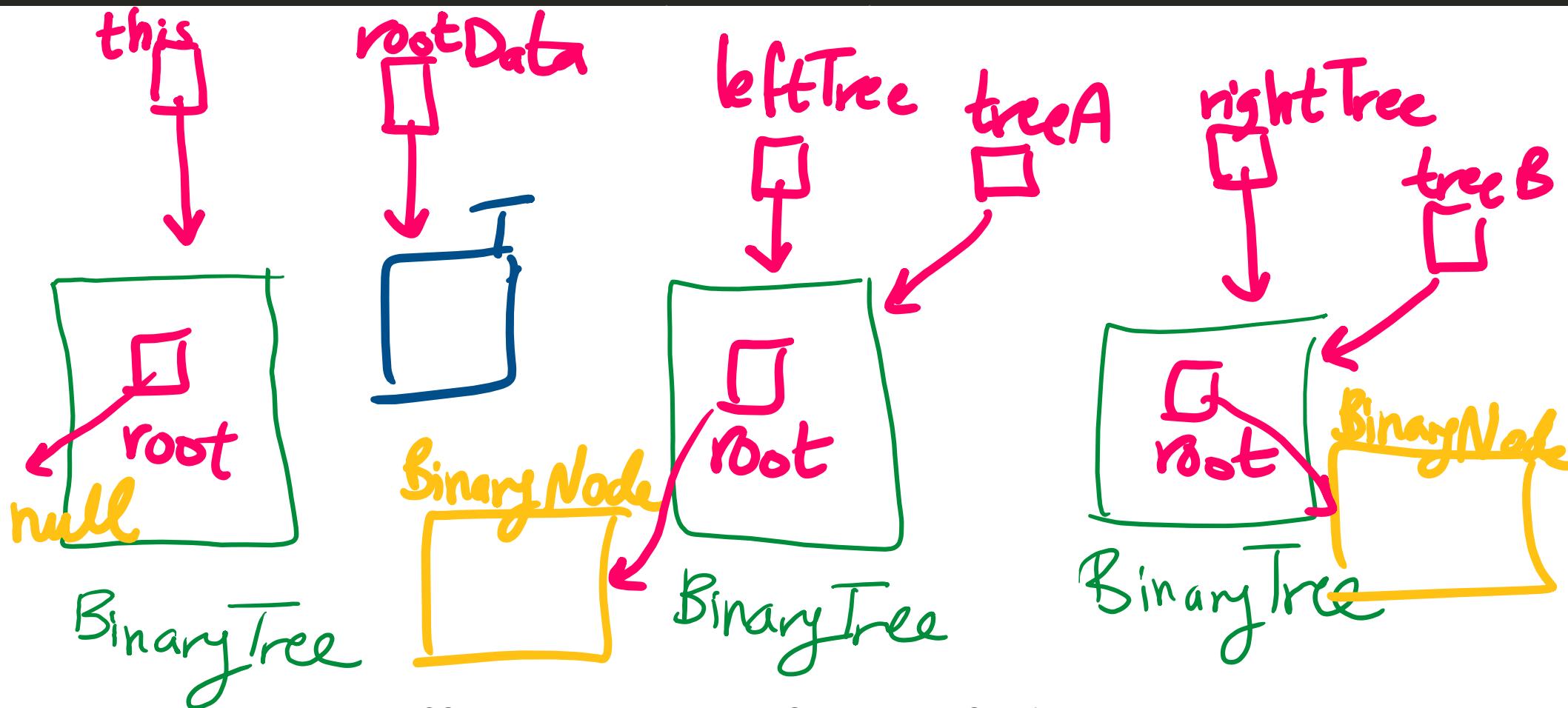
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private void privateBuildTree(T rootData, BinaryTree<T> leftTree,  
                           BinaryTree<T> rightTree){
```

# Let's draw a picture of the before state

- Given the call

```
privateBuildTree(data, treeA, treeB);
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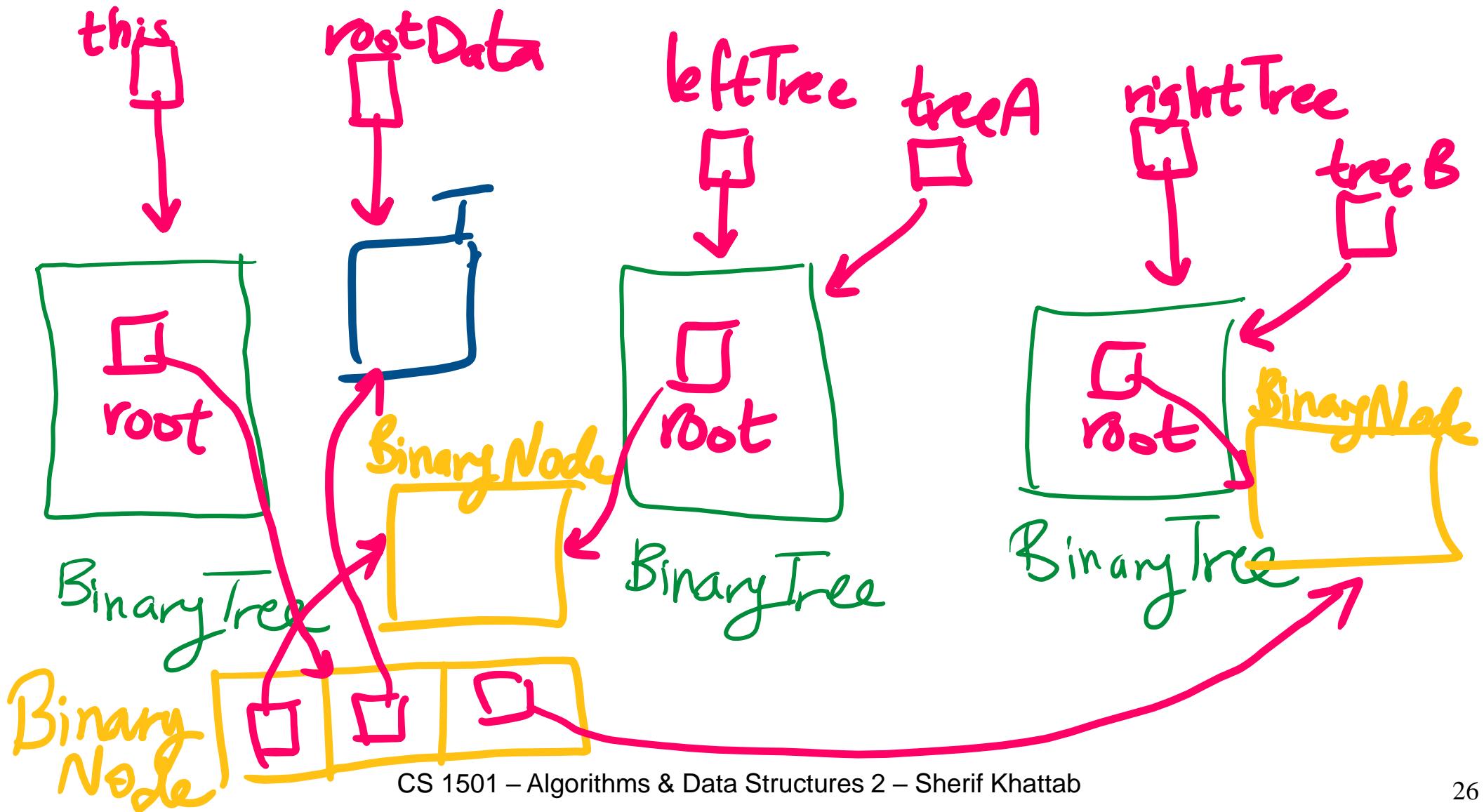
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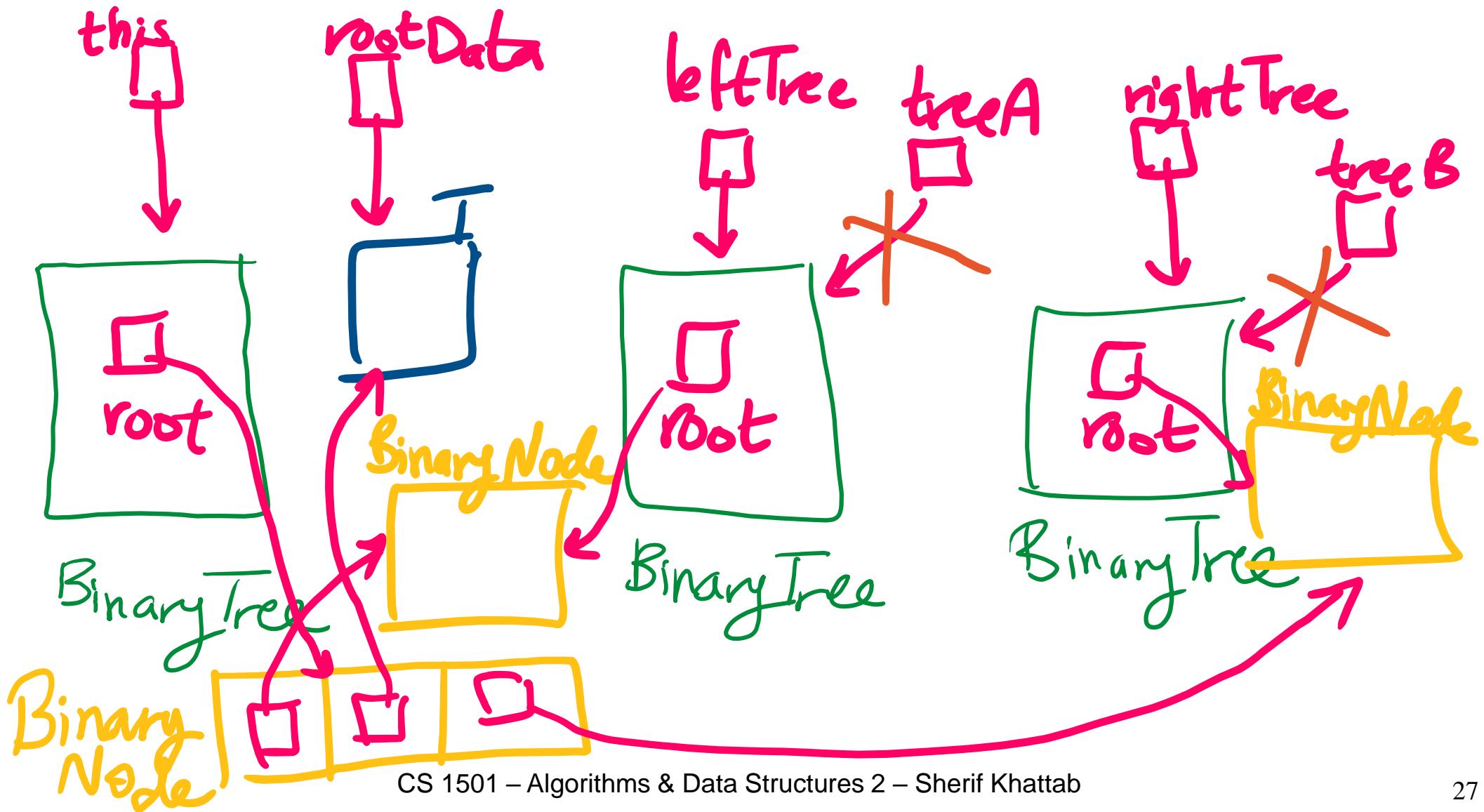
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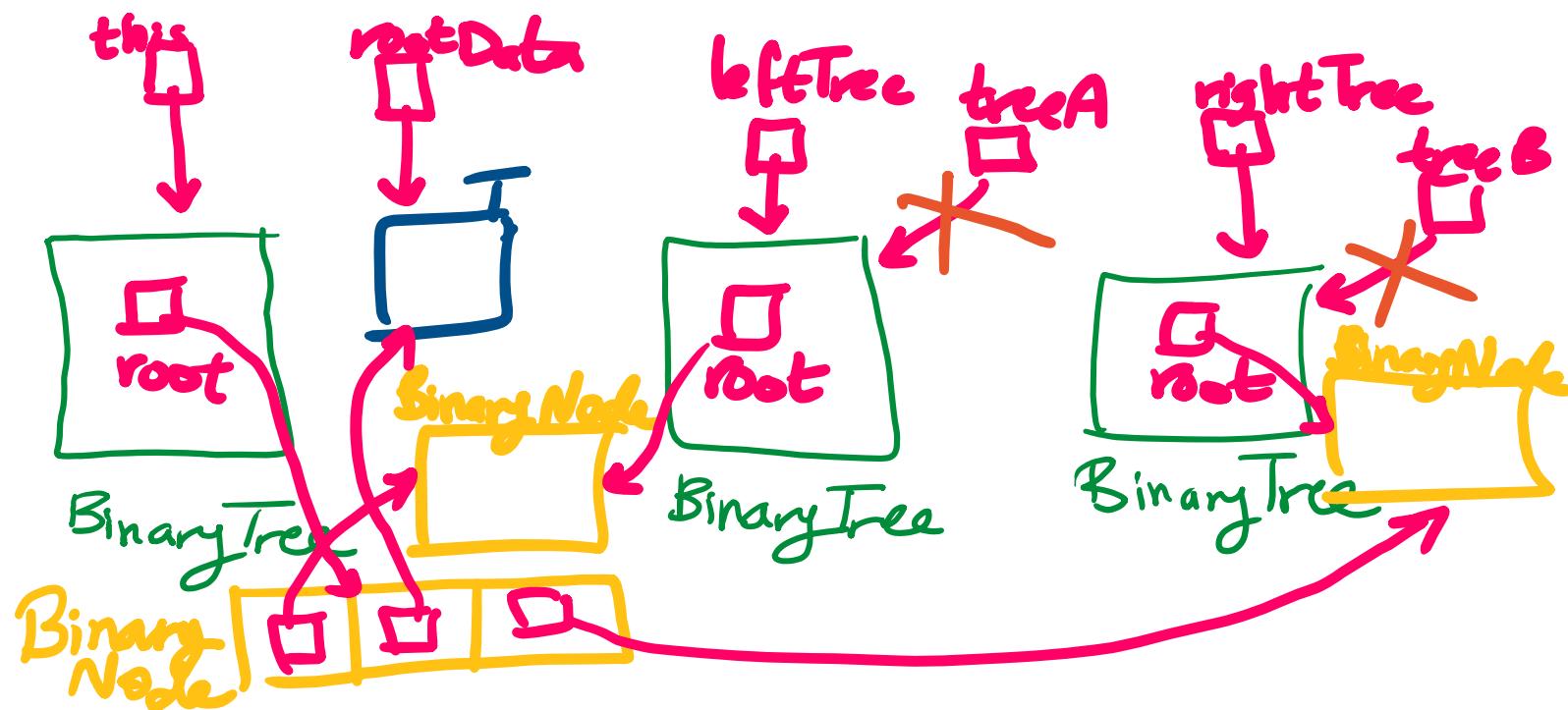
Need to also Prevent client direct access to this

treeA shouldn't have access this.root.left (same for treeB)



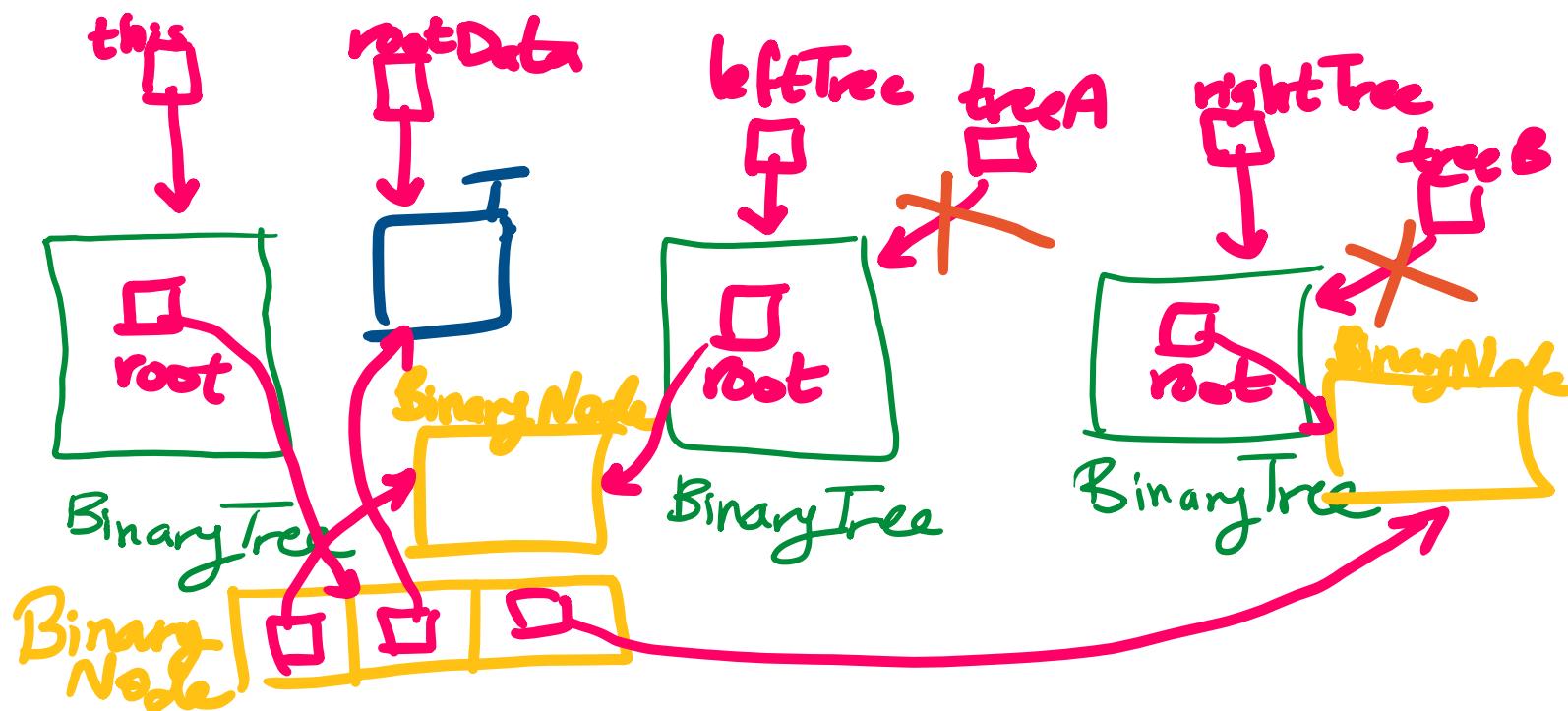
# Main logic

- `root = new BinaryNode<>(rootData);`
- `root.left = leftTree.root;`
- `root.right = rightTree.root;`
- How to prevent client access?



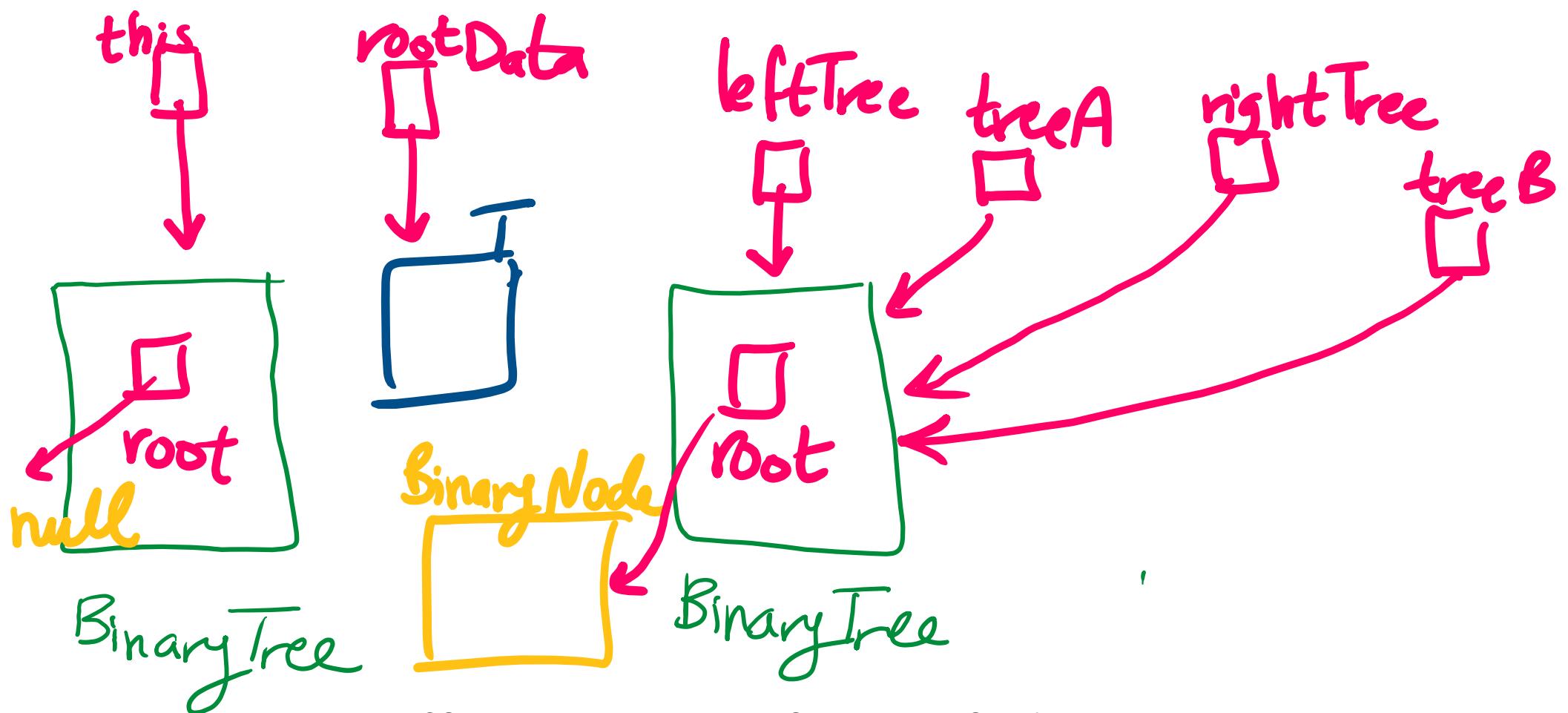
# How to prevent client access?

- `treeA = treeB = null; //is that possible?`
- `leftTree = rightTree = null; //would that work?`
- `leftTree.root = null; rightTree.root = null;`



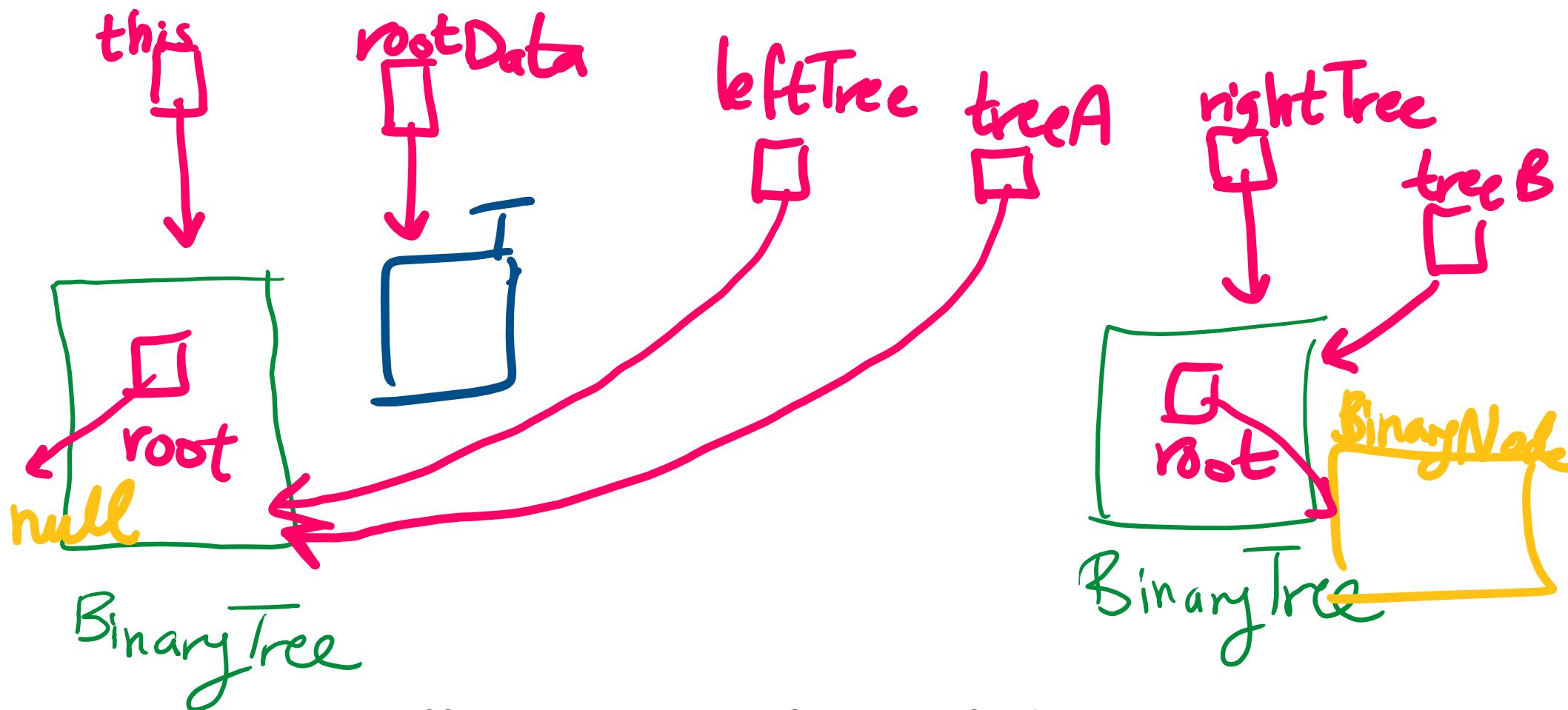
# Special case: treeA == treeB

Need to make a copy of leftTree.root



# Special case: treeA == this or treeB == this

Need to be careful before `leftTree.root = null` and `rightTree.root = null`



# Tree Traversal Methods

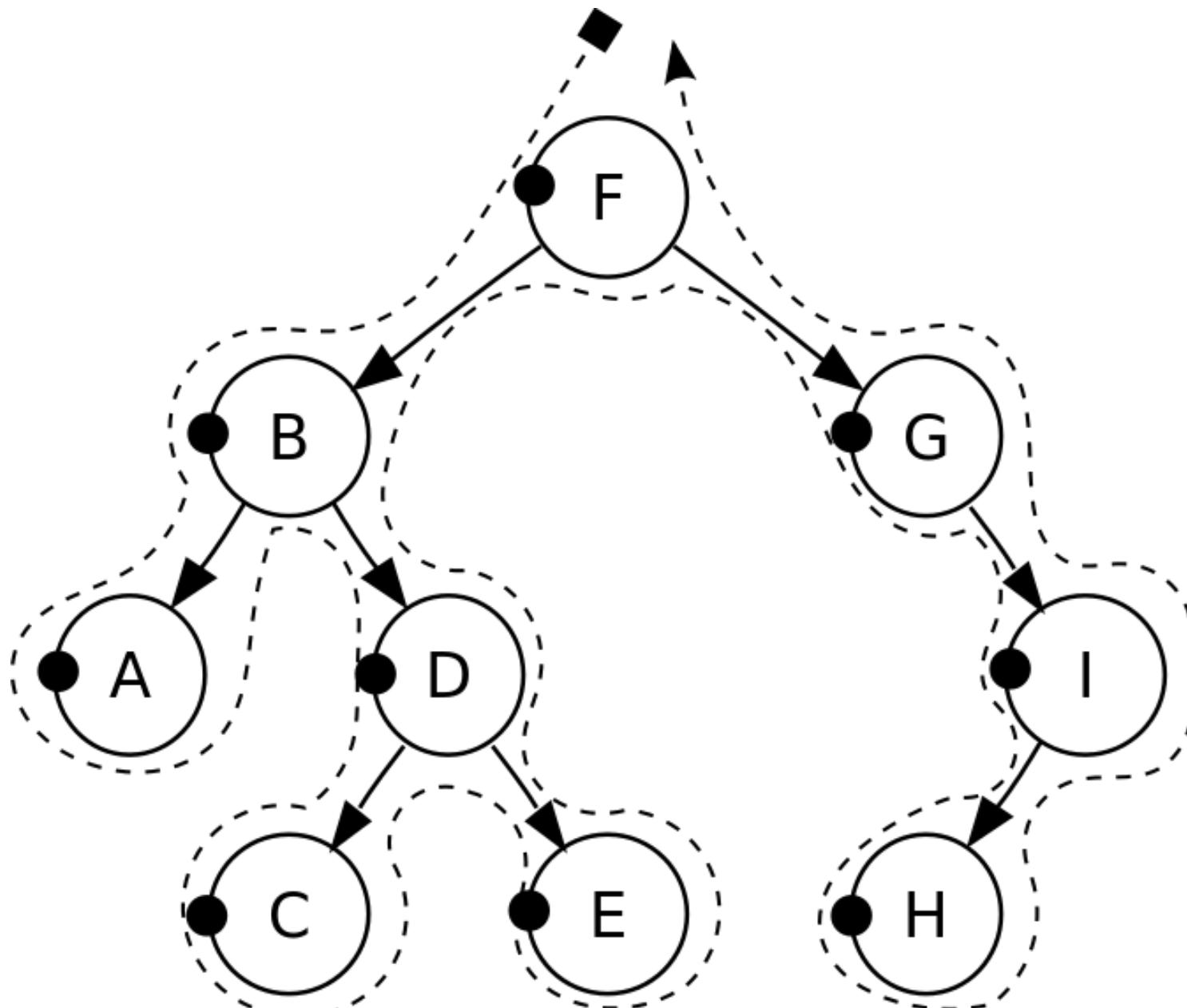
- How to traverse a Binary Tree
  - General Binary Tree
    - Pre-order, in-order, post-order, level-order

# Traversals of a General Binary Tree

- Preorder traversal
  - Visit root **before** we visit root's subtree(s)

# Pre-order traversal

F  
B  
A  
D  
C  
E  
G  
I  
H



# Pre-order traversal implementation

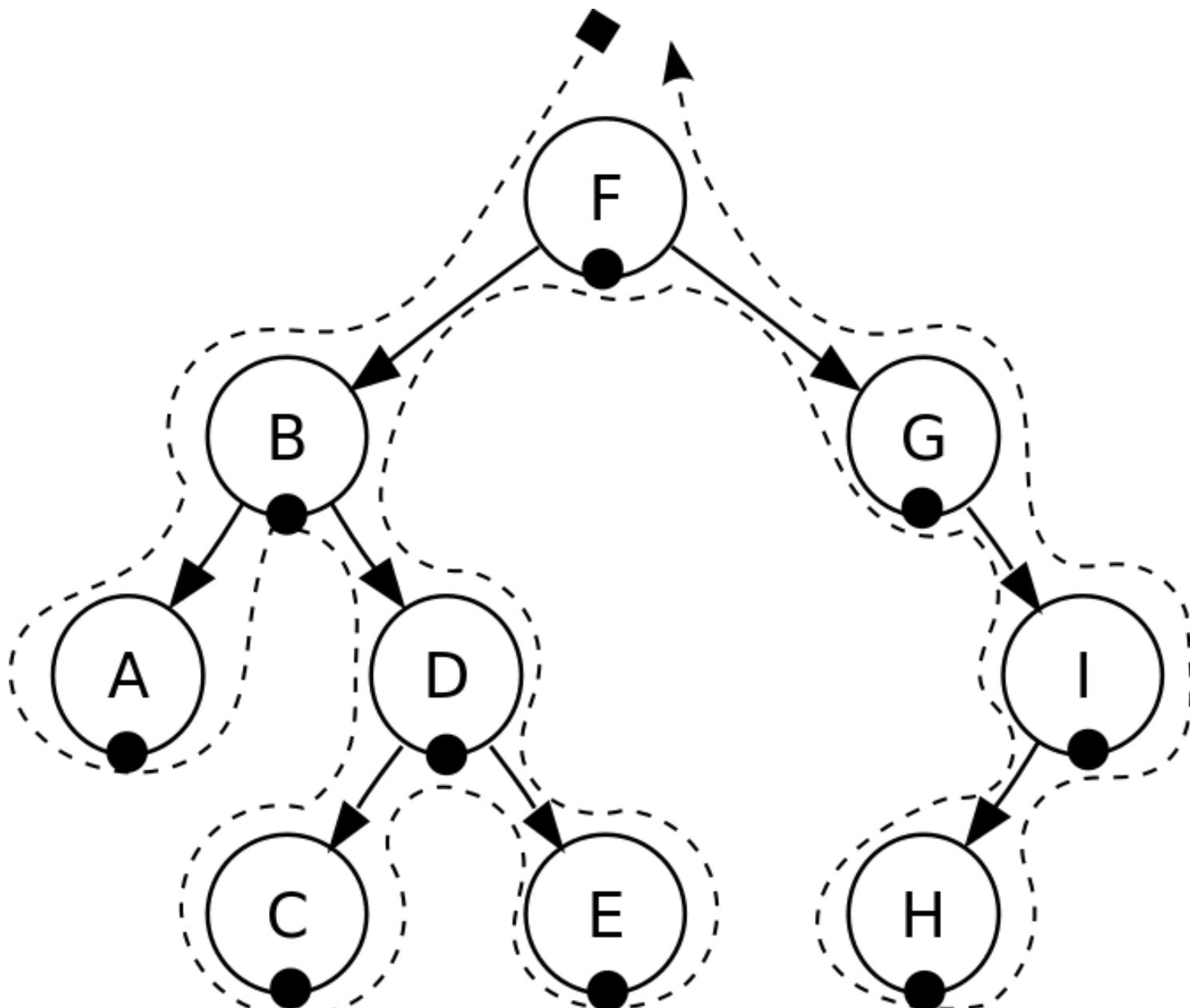
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void traverse(BinaryNode<T> root) {  
    if(root != null) {  
        System.out.println(root.data);  
        traverse(root.left);  
        traverse(root.right);  
    }  
}
```

# Traversals of a Binary Tree

- Preorder traversal
  - Visit root before we visit root's subtrees
- In-order traversal
  - Visit root of a binary tree **between** visiting nodes in root's subtrees.
  - left then root then right

# In-order traversal

A  
B  
C  
D  
E  
F  
G  
H  
I



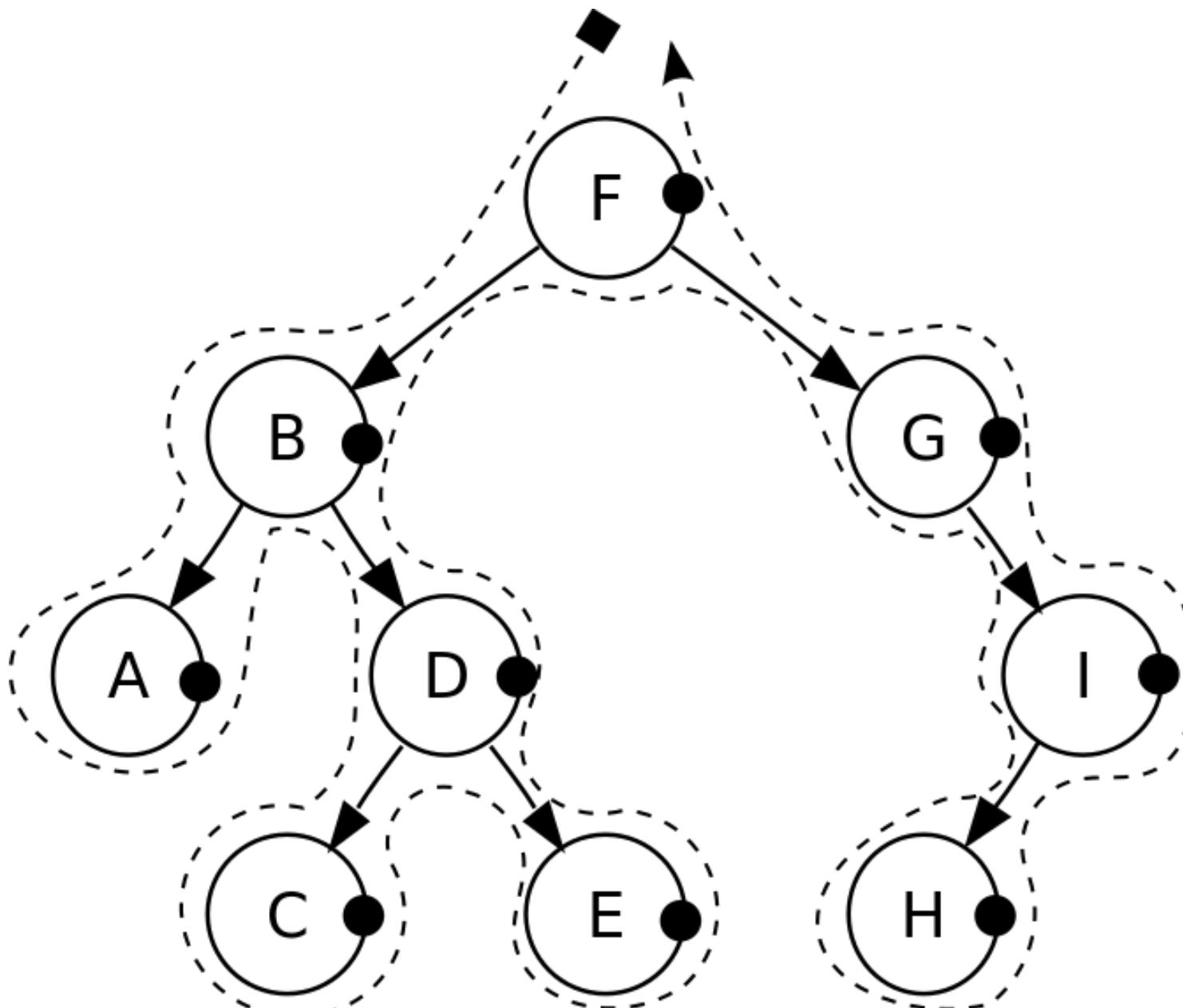
# In-order traversal implementation

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void traverse(BinaryNode<T> root) {  
    if(root != null) {  
        traverse(root.left);  
        System.out.println(root.data);  
        traverse(root.right);  
    }  
}
```

# Traversals of a Binary Tree

- Preorder traversal
  - Visit root before we visit root's subtrees
- Inorder traversal
  - Visit root of a binary tree between visiting nodes in root's subtrees.
- Postorder traversal
  - Visit root of a binary tree after visiting nodes in root's subtrees

# Post-order traversal



# Post-order traversal implementation

```
void traverse(BinaryNode<T> root) {  
    if(root != null) {  
        traverse(root.left);  
        traverse(root.right);  
        System.out.println(root.data);  
    }  
}
```

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- Postorder traversal
  - Visit root of a binary tree after visiting nodes in root's subtrees
- Level-order traversal
  - Begin at root and visit nodes one level at a time
  - We will see the implementation when we learn Breadth-First Search of Graphs

# Tree Search Take 1

- *Traverse every node of the tree*
  - Is the key inside the node equal to the target *key*?
  - How can we traverse the tree?

# Tree Search Take 1

What is the runtime?

# Can we do better?

Can we traverse the tree more intelligently?

# Tree Search Take 2: Binary Search Tree

- Search Tree Property
  - $\text{left.data} < \text{root.data} < \text{right.data}$
  - Holds for each subtree
  - In Java:
    - `root.data.compareTo(left.data) > 0 &&`
    - `root.data.compareTo(right.data) < 0`